

# The Mostly True Adventures of Homer P. Figg

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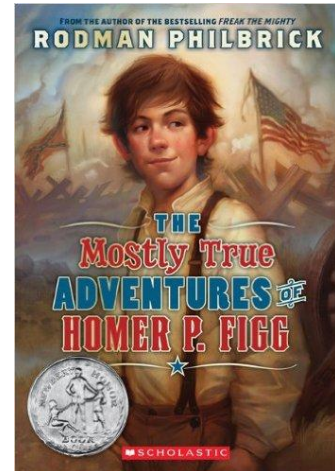
## **Chapters 1-5**

### *Understanding The Story*

1. In Chapter 1, what does Homer do that upsets his uncle?
  - (a) Homer rides his uncle's horse without permission.
  - (b) Homer tells his uncle that he is no-good and rotten.
  - (c) Homer eats a piece of stale bread intended for the hogs.
  - (d) Homer refuses to do his chores.
2. In Chapter 2, Squint accuses Harold of:
  - (a) Stealing from him.
  - (b) Trying to kill him.
  - (c) Making him ill.
  - (d) Spreading rumors about him.
3. In Chapter 2, why does Harold believe it is wrong that he should be made to enlist in the Union Army? What does he do about this?
4. At the end of Chapter 3, why does Homer decide to rescue his brother? Explain how Homer escapes from the root cellar and leaves the farm.
5. At the end of Chapter 5, Homer hears two voices talking in the dark. Who do you think the voices might belong to? What makes you think this?

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## **Chapters 6-10**

### *Understanding The Story*

1. In Chapter 6, Homer admits to Stink and Smelt that he is good at:
  - (a) Horseback riding.
  - (b) Shooting.
  - (c) Lying.
  - (d) Stealing.
2. In Chapter 8, what happens to Homer as he is walking up to the big Brewster house?
  - (a) He trips and falls.
  - (b) He faints from hunger.
  - (c) He steps in a snake hole.
  - (d) He is stung by a bee.
3. In Chapter 7, why does Smelt send Homer into the Brewster family's house?
4. Explain what Jebediah Brewster shows and tells Homer in Chapter 9. How does Mr. Brewster surprise Homer in this chapter?
5. Imagine that you are in Homer's position at the end of Chapter 10. Would you tell Smelt the truth about what you learned from Jebediah Brewster? Why or why not?

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## **Chapters 11-15**

### *Understanding The Story*

1. In Chapter 11, what is Mr. Brewster hiding in his basement?
  - (a) His gemstones.
  - (b) His rifle.
  - (c) Animal traps.
  - (d) Runaway slaves.
  
2. In Chapter 14, Mr. Brewster makes arrangements for Homer to travel to New York by what method?
  - (a) He will ride his horse, Bob.
  - (b) He will ride in a wagon of fugitive slaves.
  - (c) He will travel by train and steamship.
  - (d) He will travel by airplane.
  
3. In Chapter 12, what does Homer tell Smelt about the runaway slaves? How does Homer get away from Smelt and Stink in Chapter 13?
  
4. In Chapter 13, after Jebediah frees Samuel Reed from his bonds in the woods, why does Reed follow Homer, Smelt, and Stink to the mine instead of escaping?
  
5. In Chapter 14, Homer must decide whether to stay at the Brewsters' house and help with the Underground Railroad, or travel South to find his brother in the army. If you were Homer, what would you do? Why?

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## **Chapters 16-20**

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1. When Homer meets the Nibblys, he can tell that they are:
  - (a) Honorable folks.
  - (b) Wanted criminals.
  - (c) Professional thieves.
  - (d) Escaped prisoners.
2. When Homer meets Minerva in Chapter 20, he is interested in her appearance because:
  - (a) She is bald.
  - (b) She has a bushy mustache and beard.
  - (c) She has fish scales and a mermaid tail.
  - (d) She has tattoos covering both of her arms.
3. Who saves Homer in Chapter 19? Why is this person so interested in Homer?
4. Explain how Homer and Mr. Willow become acquainted with the Nibblys. How do the Nibblys trick Mr. Willow and get rid of Homer?
5. In Chapter 20, Professor Fleabottom promises to try to help Homer find his brother. Do you believe that Professor Fleabottom will be a good travel companion for Homer? Why or why not?

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## **Chapters 21-25**

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1. In Chapter 23, Homer is excited because:
  - (a) He is looking forward to taking a bath.
  - (b) Minerva gives him money to buy candy.
  - (c) Professor Fleabottom tells him the secret of the wagons.
  - (d) He thinks that he sees Harold on the dock in New Jersey.
2. Which of the following acts is NOT part of the Caravan of Miracles's traveling medicine show?
  - (a) The Amazing Pig Boy.
  - (b) Four-handed Banjo Playing.
  - (c) The Mer-woman from Cannibal Island.
  - (d) The Talented Tumbling Brillo Brothers.
3. Describe Homer's act in the Caravan of Miracles's traveling medicine show.
4. In Chapter 25, what does Homer learn about Fleabottom's Miracle Elixir? How does Homer feel about this? Does Professor Fleabottom feel the same way? Why or why not?
5. At the end of Chapter 25, Homer witnesses Professor Fleabottom secretly meeting a man on a black horse, in the middle of the night. What do you think the professor might be up to?

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## **Chapters 26-30**

### *Understanding The Story*

1. In Chapter 26, Homer and the caravan come upon a group of black wagons. The black wagons are carrying:
  - (a) Animals.
  - (b) Medical supplies.
  - (c) Runaway slaves.
  - (d) Soldiers' coffins.
2. In Chapter 27, Homer and the caravan meet a man named Dennett Bobbins, who tells them about his travels with Tilda. Tilda is the name of:
  - (a) His wife.
  - (b) His balloon.
  - (c) His daughter.
  - (d) His dog.
3. Explain why Professor Fleabottom is arrested in Chapter 28. What has he done?
4. When the professor is arrested, the captain orders his men to arrest everyone, including Homer. How does Homer escape? What happens to him next?
5. In Chapter 30, how does Homer try to trick the Confederate soldiers who imprison him? Do you think the guards believe Homer's story? Why or why not?

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## **Chapters 21-36**

### *Understanding The Story*

1. At the beginning of Chapter 33, Homer is reacquainted with:
  - (a) Mr. Willow.
  - (b) Frank Nibbly.
  - (c) Mr. Brewster.
  - (d) Professor Fleabottom
2. At the end of Chapter 33, Homer finally finds Harold. When Harold sees Homer, he:
  - (a) Smiles.
  - (b) Laughs.
  - (c) Shouts.
  - (d) Weeps.
3. According to Harold in Chapter 34, why does Harold feel that he has let Homer down?
4. Explain why Harold has been arrested and placed in the prisoner wagon at the back of his regiment.
5. What advice does Homer give to us, his readers, at the end of the novel? How can you apply this advice to your everyday life?

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